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For: NOVEL CRUDE AND CRYSTALLINE
FORMS OF LERCANIDIPINE
HYDROCHLORIDE

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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 121 based on the following prior U.S. patent application filed on the date indicated:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
U.S.	10/214,386	August 6, 2002

Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) based on the following prior U.S. provisional patent application filed on the date indicated:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
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Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) based on the following prior Italian patent applications filed on the dates indicated:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
Italy	MI 2001A 001726	August 6, 2001
Italy	MI 2001A 001727	August 6, 2001

In support of these claims, certified copies of the said original foreign applications were filed in prior U.S. patent application serial no. 10/214,386, filed August 6, 2002.

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